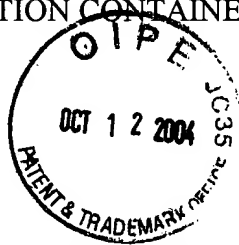


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Applicant : Robert Thomas Hudak                      Art Unit : 1641  
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**TRANSMITTAL LETTER AND PETITION FOR AUTOMATIC EXTENSION**

Correspondence relating to this application is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal (1 page), Amendment in Reply to Action of May 17, 2004 (11 pages); and Return postcard. The required fees are computed below. Please apply any charges not covered, or any credits, to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

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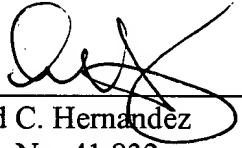
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Respectfully submitted,

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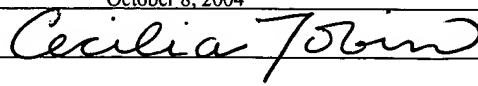
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